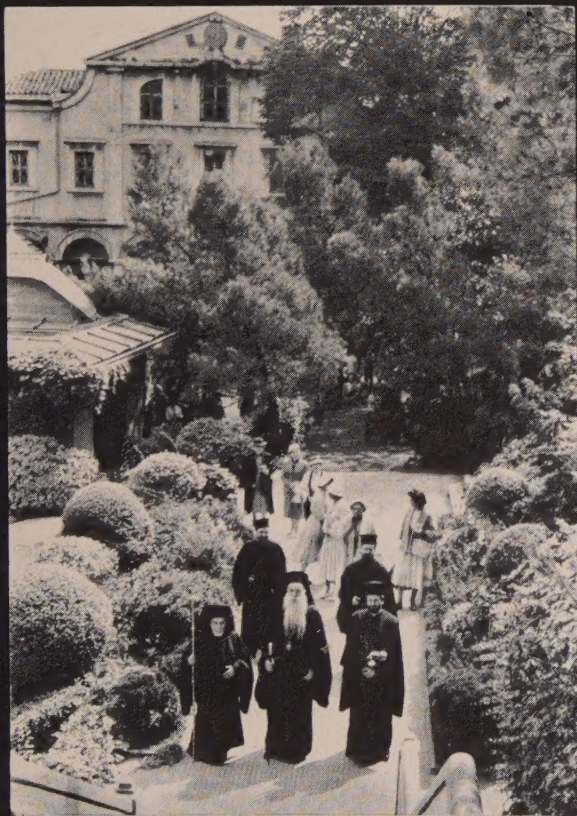


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His Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras, walking, with members of his entourage, in the gardens of his residence in the Phanar (Istanbul)

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The Ecumenical Patriarchate of Eastern Orthodoxy has been the scene of many pilgrimages during the past few months. (Some visiting pilgrims are shown with Patriarch Athenagoras in the photo on the front cover.) In one instance, an entire group of American Orthodox pilgrims, headed by the Community of the Greek Orthodox Church of Stamford, Conn., spent nearly a month touring historic landmarks of Greece, the Holy Land, Egypt and, of course, the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Istanbul. It should be noted that this group was composed of some 85 persons, who, en masse, received baptismal immersion in the River Jordan.

The ancient Patriarchate is presently in the process of reconstruction; a sum of \$475,000 is being sought from the churches in the Americas to complete the task. To aid this cause, the Patriarch is planning a six month tour of the Americas next year; commencing in October of 1961, he will visit thruout the U.S., returning to Istanbul just prior to Easter, 1962.





# AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE CHURCH FOREIGN

**COPTIC PATRIARCH DENOUNCES IRANIAN SHAH.** Patriarch Kyrillos VI has ordered that sermons preached at Sunday services in all Coptic Orthodox churches in the United Arab Republic include a denunciation of Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi of Iran for his recent action in officially recognizing the State of Israel.

Patriarch Kyrillos, as head of the parent Coptic Church of Egypt, has jurisdiction over an estimated 3,000,000 Copts extending over an area from Egypt across North Africa and as far as Ethiopia and Ceylon.

In the denunciation, although in a separate statement, were the united Moslem ulema (religious leaders) of the Syrian region of the U.A.R.

Recently the Egyptian government reduced the permissible land holdings of the Coptic monasteries and churches to 200 acres of arable, plus an equal acreage of non-arable, land for any one, single, local institution. The total acreage, thus being taken, is being appraised by the Agrarian Reform Authority; total valuation is expected to exceed five millions of dollars, which will be paid the Church in a lump sum. Patriarch Kyrillos praised the step as being of 'great benefit' to the Church, because the monies would enable the Church to maintain its institutions. (Church land holdings have increased substantially, through the years, due to a flow of legacies. - ED.)

Support of the State, by the Church, is mandatory under present extreme conditions that are part of the vibrant, nationalistic spirit that is stirring the Arab and African world. ED.

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**ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE ELEVATES EIGHT CLERGY.** Six Greek Orthodox priests have been elected to the episcopate and two bishops have been designated for elevation to the metropolitanate. The decision was announced, last month, by the Holy Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate (Istanbul).

Designated to the titular Metropolitan rank, were Rt. Rev. Athenagoras, Bishop of New England (USA) and Rt. Rev. Polyefktos, Bishop of the Central States (USA). The first of the two has been transferred to the diocese of Canada; the latter being sent to the diocesan district of South America. Both, of course, will be directly under the New York Archdiocese, rather than under the Synod of Constantinople.

It has been recently announced that the N.Y. Archdiocese would, henceforth, be composed of ten dioceses: Chicago, Boston, California, Southern States, Canada, New Orleans, Detroit, Pittsburgh, Florida, and New York.

The Holy Synod ordered the Very Rev. Meletios Tripodakis, former priest of Annunciation Church in Los Angeles, to be consecrated Oct. 30th as bishop of Christianoupolis and assigned to the third diocese of Boston, replacing Metropolitan Athenagoras. The Very Rev. Chrysostomos Papalampros of Charlotte, N.C. was ordered consecrated as Bishop of Meirinis and sent to Australia as

assistant to Archbishop Ezekiel of Australia-New Zealand. The Very Rev. Aimilianos Lalas of St. Sophia Cathedral, Washington D.C. was ordered consecrated Nov. 6th as bishop of the diocese of Chicago. The Very Rev. Theodosios Sideris, priest of Three Hierarchs Church, Brooklyn, N.Y., was ordered consecrated Oct. 23rd as Bishop of Angonos and assigned as bishop of the sixth district in Pittsburgh, replacing Metropolitan Polyefktos. The Very Rev. Silas Koskinas, priest of St. Nicholas Church, Pittsburgh, was ordered consecrated on Oct. 9th as Bishop of Amphipolis and assigned to the eighth diocese in New Orleans. Consecrations of five of the priests were performed by His Eminence, Archbishop Iakovos (James), head of the Greek Archdiocese of North and South America.

The eighth clergy elevated was Father Emilien Timiadis, representative of the Ecumenical Patriarchate to the World Council of Church. He was consecrated Sept. 25th, by Archbishop Athenagoras of London at the Church of St. Stephen, Paris, France. He was consecrated as Bishop of Meloes, a See in Asia Minor; his function, however, will continue to be that of the Patriarchal representative to the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland.

- In Athens, the hierarchy of that national Orthodox Church, holding its regular annual assembly, demanded that the government keep a 'hands-off' policy on the Church's internal affairs; in particular, the hierarchy demanded that the traditional Orthodox policy of 'transferability' of bishops be maintained and not interfered with. (Ancient Canon Law for permanent assignment of bishops to dioceses, without subsequent transfer. The Synod, however, functions along a 'seniority rights' approach; this causes senior bishops to 'away' dioceses, on the death of the previous holder thereof, for their own use. Reason: Certain dioceses have more lucrative returns than others, thus making them more 'desirable' to possess - to 'possess' them, the senior bishops bring about 'transfers' of themselves from one diocese to another, thus forcing 'junior rank' bishops into the poorer areas, whilst they possess themselves of the new 'opportunities'. - ED.)
- The government of Greece has been working towards the aim of providing for government settlement of major Church matters, including permanent assignment of bishops to one diocese for life. The government is also concerned with the condition of the Greek Orthodox Theological Schools, which, they claim, are not producing a calibre of young men worthy of ordination as clergy. Minister George Voyadjis has issued the Church a warning that he would rather close the schools than see them continue to be staffed by the Greeks incapable and unworthy of their profession. He cited, in particular, the Rizarios School in Athens as being necessary to close due to lack of faculty. He suggested that the Synod come up with a solution in order to prevent government action.
- As an example of how denominations, from the Protestant world, are expanding in Greece it is to be noted that Greek Princesses Sophia and Irene performed opening ceremonies early last summer, for a new building at the Quaker School for Rural Girls in Thessaloniki. The new building replaces a temporary barracks, in which the school had been housed since it was started shortly after the last War. Funds for the School were raised by the Friends Service Council in London and included contributions from Prince Philip and the Duchess of Kent. The School trains Macedonian village girls in the elements of home economics and child care. - ED.

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ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS THANKS KING PAUL AND PREMIER KARAMANLIS. In his recent messages, Archbishop Makarios extended sincere thanks of gratitude to both King Paul and Premier Karamanlis of Greece for their congratulatory expressions on the occasion of the recent proclamation of independence.

'At this historic moment, I wish to express to Your Majesty and to the Greek people', wrote the archbishop, 'the sincere gratitude of the Cypriot people for the unlimited support and assistance you have rendered us, thanks to which we are able today to celebrate the freedom and independence of Cyprus.' A similar message was sent to the Premier.

In a news conference, last month, the archbishop stated his intentions to come to the U.S.



er presidential elections. He, as president of Cyprus, said he had much 'business' to do in Washington; he also revealed that he was planning the immediate development of a Cypriot navy.

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**ON THIEVES ARRESTED IN GREECE.** Police, both in Athens and Thessaloniki, have announced a joint capture of the leader and several members of a gang that have specialized in stealing precious icons from Orthodox churches and chapels and selling them in Germany and Austria.

Among the icons stolen from a chapel in the Edessa diocese was one dating from the year 900; another icon was of 17th century Mt. Athos, and it had been done by a famous monk-artist. Over 100 other icons of the 17th century were found in the gang leader's house.

In London, a fabled icon, that of the Black Virgin of Kazan, has been placed on the market for sale. The daughter of the late British explorer Frederick Mitchell-Hedges has said she wishes to liquidate her father's estate; the icon was originally purchased by the Englishman for a reported \$210,000. The icon is described as having some 1,009 jewels mounted on it; it is said to have once hung in a cathedral in St. Petersburg, now Leningrad. The icon has a legendary story connected with it; it is said to have worked many miracles, including the defeat of Napoleon. There is still a fixed belief in the Russian Orthodox Church that there are two halves to this 16th century icon, and, when once again brought together, will miraculously bring about an overthrow of the Soviet..ED.

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**PETOWN MOSLEM LEADER ASSAILS ANGLICAN BISHOP FOR PREJUDICE.** Ahmed Deedat, Moslem leader in suburban Green Point, Capetown, S.A., directed a blistering attack against Dr. Joost de Blank, Anglican Bishop of Capetown, for 'trying to poison the minds of Christians against Islam'. Addressing a crowd of 10,000 Capetown Moslems, Deedat said that de Blank had described Mohammed as 'a sincere man but a false prophet' and had added that there was no need for any religion in South Africa save Christianity.

Deedat said that Islam was the only non-Christian religion that believed in Christ and His miraculous birth and accepted Him as a Messiah. He explained further that 'Christianity and Islam have much in common'.

'Who is it, then,' he asked, 'who is doing the attacking? Could not Moslems claim our Faith threatened by Christianity? To describe Mohammed as a sincere man but a false prophet is a contradiction in terms. Could a false prophet found a religion that has 500,000,000 adherents, and create a true brotherhood of man throughout the world, irrespective of race or color?' He added one other thought: Why do the various Christian denominations reject one another, if they are all adherents to the same Messiah?

Dr. Nikos Nissiotis, Greek Orthodox theologian attached to the staff of the Ecumenical Institute in Bossey, Switzerland, said that Christians, by losing the sense of the unity of the Church, have become no better than 'anxious spectators of history', and Christianity has become reduced to an 'ism' - on the level with other 'isms'. As a result, he added, members of a divided Church 'lose their role as regenerators in the world'. Continuing, he said: 'the division of the Church appears as the final Fall....instead of the light of the Holy Spirit, we have the reflection of superficial glory, partisan propaganda, reciprocal opposition, all of which have their own theological systems where apologetic to polemical reasoning prevails'.

M. M. Thomas, of the Mar Thoma Syrian Church, issued a statement last summer, in which he said that Europe must recognize that 'the basic human urges behind the nationalism of Asia and Africa are but the hand of God at work'. He added that if this fact is not recognized by the Church, it will not be able to serve these people, for it will not be able to understand them.

- Father T. Paul Verghese, of the Orthodox Church of India, stated that 'Islam has a definite advantage over Western Christianity in Africa. Islam does not subject Africans to any form of racial discrimination, whereas Western Christianity still has an unsolved racial problem. As a Christian Church we can help the African regain his dignity as a human being, a dignity lost thru 450 years of European expansion'.

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**WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES ADDS NEW MEMBERS.** Eight bodies in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East were admitted into membership in the WCC at the annual meeting of its Central Committee at St. Andrews, Scotland, late last summer. Included in the group were five Protestant churches, two Anglican bodies, and one Eastern Orthodox body. The Orthodox body was that of the ancient Syrian Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East, with estimated 700,000 adherents in Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Eastern Turkey, and North and South America.

Three other, interesting developments also took place at the meeting:

1. The Eastern Orthodox Patriarch of Russia (Moscow), Alexei, sent his first, formal message to such a meeting of the WCC. In it he made a special plea for 'strong unanimous Christian action to prevent war'; he continued by stressing, also, that 'Christian oneness of mind could become a force able to lessen the sharp division of the world.....separated thru....political differences, national hostilities, and....barriers of mistrust'. Lastly, he expressed his 'wish that the WCC have every success in its efforts and in its search for ways of cooperation towards the peaceful organization of human life and Christian unity, to the end that 'there all may be one'.

2. A code of principles to curb proselytizing between member bodies of the WCC was submitted. Embracing four years of study, the Code recommended that complete religious liberty be established in every land; abandoning of 'pressure methods' to 'steal-sheep' thru the offering of material or social benefits to those of another denomination; immediate and direct communication with the 'other Church', when a member therefrom seeks admission into another body; giving of financial aid to existing Churches, rather than establishing 'missions' in the same 'area of tradition' on a competitive basis; engaging in increasing, inter-communion discussions on theology, worship and Christian service.

3. A Council report that stated the Roman Catholic Church was making a demonstrated change in their attitude toward 'ecumenical movements'. The report based much of its conviction on the recent establishment, by Rome, of a 'Vatican Secretariat for Christian Unity'. The report said that Rome had become convinced that the 'ecumenical movement' is not inspired by vague humanitarianism, but by the basic Christian convictions. As a result, the report said 'no change' has taken place in the fundamental 'differences' between Rome and the Churches of the WCC, but a positive change in 'procedure and climate' has taken place.

- Father Gregory Baum, Canadian Roman Catholic theological teacher, said recently that 'Catholics should be grateful to the WCC' for its open-minded attitude to Roman Catholic doctrine. 'There have never been so many Protestants sincerely wanting to study the doctrines of the Catholic church, to abandon inherited prejudices, and to understand the Catholic church.....This does not mean that they wish to become Catholics. but they desire to grasp the Catholic vision of Christianity'. The priest also said that the late Pope Pius XII, in an instruction published in 1950, said the ecumenical movement was 'due in part to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit'. Father Baum called on all Catholics to not look so 'smugly' on the WCC.

- Catholic observers at the eleven-day sessions of the First Ecumenical Youth Assembly of the WCC, held last July in Lausanne, Switzerland, issued a joint statement, which read in part, - 'we are deeply convinced that all the humble and sincere efforts made here for the reconciliation of Christians are the work of the Holy Spirit'. (About 1800 youth delegates were present at the sessions; they came from 15 European countries, from Asia, Africa, the Far East, Middle East, North America and Latin America. - ED.) The statement of the Catholic group continued: 'we will continue to pray that the work commenced here will penetrate into the parishes and bear fruit at the Third Assembly of the WCC at New Delhi, India, in 1961'.



TESTANTS 'ADOPT' KOREAN CATHOLIC MISSION HOSPITAL. A group of Detroit testants, calling themselves 'The Friends of Sister Mary Clare', have taken charge of ing of cash, drugs, equipment to enable a four-year Roman Catholic hospital in Mokpo, ea, to continue its work among the natives there. The hospital is staffed by 11 Columban ers of Ireland.

ate, the volunteer group has raised close to \$200,000. One of the leaders of the group, arah S.Schooten, a pediatrician and daughter of a Methodist missionary, said that any idea enominationalism never entered their minds; briefly, she said, 'this is God's work and e are God's people'.

Detroiters said that the 11 Sisters(2 of whom are M.D.'s; 4 are registered nurses; and 1 is armacist) average close to 400 out-clinic patients per day, plus an additional 't.b.' patient' of 3,000 a week.

The Guenzberg, (Germany) City Council recently revoked the appointment of a prominent Munich physician as medical director of the local hospital because he is a Protestant. To take his place a Roman Catholic was then named. The Council, when criticized, said that acted under 'pressure' from regional Catholic quarters. Father Johannes Leppich, noted West German Jesuit and leader of the German Street Apostolate Movement, said that the ones who were objecting were not 'church-goers' anyway, and why should they make a fuss.

It is interesting to note that Catholics are always willing to accept help from others, but rarely, if ever, do they extend a similar organized hand to non-Catholics. In elections, they cry 'bigotry' if their man is beaten; but if they are in the majority and a non-Catholic cries 'bigotry', they term him an atheist or heretic. Apparently, Christianity and Catholicism do not mean the same thing. - ED.

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HEAD OF RUSSIAN PATRIARCHATE'S OFFICE OF FOREIGN RELATIONS. The er Archimandrite Nikodim, a 31-year old monk, was elected and consecrated a bishop last 10th; Today, he is head of the Office of Foreign Relations of the Moscow Patriarchate, eeding 68-year old Metropolitan Nikolai.

new bishop formerly headed the Russian Orthodox Church's Mission in Israel, where he had ved considerable popularity in both religious and educational circles. Later, he was returned oscow, where he served as vice-chairman of the Foreign Relations Office. He is the youngest on to ever hold the office he now holds.

In another recent Patriarchal appointment, Archbishop Joann Wendland, of Podolsk, USSR, was given the Exarchate of Central Europe(principally that of Germany). In taking over his ew office, he led a delegation of the Russian Orthodox Church on a few weeks tour of the East German Zone; during this tour he addressed leaders of the Evangelical Church in Germany(EKID - Lutheran). In his speech to them he said that the ecumenical movement is a 'gradually maturing fruit' which will be brought to 'harvest time....thru the grace of God'. He added to this by stating that he presently was - 'with the blessing of his Church' - in common spirit with Evangelical Christians, when in former times, as an Orthodox bishop, he would have been ousted from his office if he had even stepped into a Lutheran church.

Also from Moscow came reports that a religious decline is underway in the Ukraine,where, within the last 12 months, some 800 Orthodox monks and nuns in Soviet Moldavia have left the monastic life, as a result of which over ten monasteries have closed their doors. In another story, it was reported that the Baptists are one of the main enemies of the USSR; they (i.e.-the Baptists) are one of the most active Christian sects...one which has the most vitality....and people should not be misled by the absence of magnificent churches with cupolas and crosses or long-haired priests in vestments, just because Baptists don't have such things'.

**NEW HEAD OF FINNISH ORTHODOX CHURCH ELECTED.** Assistant Bishop Paava was elected in Helsinki as Archbishop of Karelia and head of the Orthodox Church of Finland. He succeeds Archbishop Herman, who died recently.

Archbishop Paavali, 46, was a monk of famed Valamo monastery prior to his being made assistant bishop in the Karelia archdiocese in 1955.

- Finland has some 700,000 Orthodox believers, most of them in congregations that have been under the jurisdiction of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Istanbul since 1923. In January, 1955, the Holy Synod of the Finnish Church branded as 'unlawful' the action of some monks at Valamo and Konevitsa, who had declared themselves under the jurisdiction of the Moscow Patriarchate of the Russian Orthodox Church. - ED.

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**THREE FRENCH ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIESTS BANNED FROM DIOCESE.** Three Roman Catholic priests of the Diocese of Nancy were relieved of their functions and banned from the diocese 'for propagating erroneous doctrines, for open rebellion against the Holy See, and for the organizing of superstitious manifestations'.

The priests were reported to have been traveling about the region with a small statuette of Christ the Sacred Heart, which was rumored to be miraculous. They claimed that the heart of the statuette image bleeds twice each month and has done so since December of 1959. Church authorities, however, have rejected the claims.

In addition to taking action against the priests, Bishop Emile Piroley also threatened with excommunication any Catholic who receives the statuette in his home or attends 'services connected with it.

- In a rare move, Roman Catholics in Montreal, Canada, distributed 1,200 New Testaments to hotel rooms in that city. This presentation by the Catholic Bible Centre followed the action of Paul-Emile Cardinal Leger of Montreal, who had launched a campaign aimed at placing a New Testament in French in all hotel and hospital rooms in Montreal.
- If only Luther were alive to see the 'miracle of the statuette' and also to see how Rome has followed his example of denouncing such types of 'superstitious phenomena'; perhaps he would also have been joyful as to how a Cardinal has endorsed the distribution of Scriptures (an event frowned on by the Church of Luther's day).- ED.

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**MELKITE PATRIARCH OF JERUSALEM SIGNS WEST BERLIN 'GOLDEN BOOK.'** Melkite Rite Patriarch Maximos IV of Jerusalem, Antioch and Alexandria was recently received by West Berlin's Mayor Willy Brandt at City Hall and subsequently signed the Golden Book of that city.

Patriarch Maximos was on a tour of central Europe, accompanied by Archimandrite Edel and other prelates. While in West Berlin, he celebrated a Pontifical Mass in the Byzantine Rite St. Canisius church. He is 84 years of age.

- Last July, the first general synod of the Melkite Rite of the Roman Catholic Church was convened in the Old City of Jerusalem; some 18 archbishops and bishops attended. The Synod was presided over by Patriarch Maximos Saigh, who has jurisdiction over the 250,000 Arabic-speaking adherents in the Middle East of this body. The Melkites are one of 13 major bodies of the Oriental Church in 'Union' with Rome. - ED.

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**DECEASED RUSSIAN ORTHODOX PROFESSOR DIES IN PARIS.** Professor Anton Vladimirovich Kartashov, 85, one of the founders of St. Sergius Orthodox Theological Institute in Paris, died in Paris on September 10th.

Professor Kartashov was a distinguished historian and served as first minister of cults in the Provisional Russian government in 1917; he was also the individual that opened the representative church council, which restored the patriarchate of the Russian Church after a break of nearly two centuries.

Of interest to all, is a 119 page book by Donald Lowrie, entitled 'St. Sergius in Paris', which details much of the very facts surrounding the foundation and work of the Institute that is mentioned above. It is available from AREO, 43 West 90th Street, N.Y. 24, N.Y. at \$2.75pp.

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**ARMENIAN BISHOP HEADS ETHIOPIAN THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL.** The Ethiopian Ministry of Education extended an invitation to Bishop Terenig Poladian to serve as dean of the Theological School of the Ethiopian Church at Addis Ababa. This invitation was concurred in by the Ethiopian Church itself.

Bishop Terenig requested and received permission to assume the position; Archbishop Khatenian, head of the religious brotherhood of Antelias, in response to Bishop Terenig's invitation, said that in view of the fact that brotherly relations have existed between Armenian and Ethiopian churches throughout the centuries, and because of the benevolent attitude of King Haile Selassie, Bishop Terenig would be allowed to assume the duties mentioned.

The purpose of the appointment was explained to a degree as being one in which monophysite theologians and scholars might be gathered together to strengthen and give impetus to the Ethiopian monophysite movement. The Theological School at Addis Ababa, it was explained, along with its adjacent college, would thus become a center of Cyrillic Orthodoxy.

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**CATHOLICOS VAZKEN ARRIVES BACK AT ETCHMIADZIN AFTER WORLD TRIP.** Holiness, Catholicos Vazken I, Supreme Patriarch of the Armenian Church, returned to Etchmiadzin this month from his historic trip to the Americas (North and South) and to some of the major communities of Europe. He had been gone since last May.

Upon arriving at Etchmiadzin from Paris, where he had spent about a week, the Catholicos was welcomed to his residence with great celebration by the faithful. He had also visited Portugal, Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay, England, Canada, U.S.A.

When the Catholicos arrived at N.Y. Idlewild Airport last May 20th, he embarked on a tour of the major cities of the U.S. and 1 in Canada - this took him exactly sixty days. The greatest of the crowds, before which he appeared, was, perhaps, that in St. John Divine Cathedral, New York City, which is a Protestant Episcopal church. On that occasion of June 5th, the Catholicos celebrated the Pontifical Divine Liturgy before an estimated 10,000 persons. During the service, Holiness presented a Holy Panagia to the Rt. Rev. Horace W.B. Donegan, Episcopal Bishop of New York, as a symbol of the spirit of friendship and cordiality existing between the Armenian and Protestant Episcopal Communion.

The Catholicos also blessed the site for the new Armenian Church of Bergen County, N.J., in a ceremony in late July; some 2,000 persons attended the ground-breaking. Another of the highlights of his visit was a dinner, in his honor, attended by Protestant and Orthodox leaders.

Speaking on conditions of religious freedom in Soviet Armenia, the Catholicos said: 'One can worship freely in Armenia....we have been repairing and remodeling many old churches, and restoring ancient monasteries and holy shrines that have been neglected for centuries....many thousands of our faithful can be seen in the churches'.

The American arm of the Armenian Church was established in 1889. The total world membership of the Armenian Church is estimated as about 2,500,000.

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# DOMESTIC



**15th BIENNIAL CLERGY-LAITY CONGRESS OF GREEK ARCHDIOCESE CONVENED**  
September 17th-24th saw the 15th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese convene at the Statler-Hilton Hotel, Buffalo, N.Y. With Archbishop James (Iakovos) presiding, the estimated 750 persons, representing the nearly 400 Greek Orthodox Communities of North and South America, gathered for an informal reception Saturday evening, the 17th, then, until the close of the Congress eight days later, the conference followed a series of worship services, five general sessions, continuous committee meetings, and various luncheons.

The various committees were comprised of: Constitution and Bylaws Committee; Reference Committee; Nominations Committee; Education Committee; Liturgical and Canonical Affairs Committee; Philanthropic Committee; Religious Committee of Catechism, Missions, etc. Each committee was headed by a separate member of the episcopate.

Held every two years to discuss the most important matters affecting the good and welfare of the Greek Orthodox Church of the Americas, the Clergy-Laity Congress is composed of clergy and parish delegates, delegates of fraternal and youth groups, and a large body of observers from other interested groups.

In a series of developments, the following stood out as among the most important:

- That the 16th Biennial Congress would be held in Boston, Mass. in 1962.
- That unanimous endorsement is given to the commencement of the Hellenic Foundation Drive (see story below).
- That women be given a more active role in the work of the Church; Women's federations to be set up in each of the Church's ten dioceses, with chapters in various cities and towns. To be known as the Central Committee for Philoptochos (Friends of the Poor), the work will be a combined philanthropic-educational-community program for women.
- That a body of full-time 'flying priests' be established. These priests will visit those Greek Orthodox Communities that do not have a regular pastor. In addition, a positive program expanding mission work will be developed in Western and Southern United States, Canada, and South America.
- That the continued use of the Greek language shall be maintained to foster the spiritual and cultural traditions of the Hellenic Spirit so that the Greek Church will not merely become another Church 'without particular characteristics'. To do this, 'uniformity' in liturgy, sacraments, ecclesiastical music, art and architecture must be maintained. In addition, all Communities were asked to set aside three-fifths of their budgets for education and culture with establishment of nursery schools.
- That, for the future and all time, Greek Communities shall sponsor no further dances on Saturday nights, in order that proper spiritual preparation for the Lord's Day might begin on Saturday night. In addition, all use of alcoholic beverages, at any social function in churches, buildings and community centers, be forbidden. (A step long needed. -ED)
- That establishment of a shrine to the 'Weeping Virgin' be established on Long Island; and that committees be established to study the means of founding an Orthodox monastery at home for Orthodox deaconesses in connection therewith.
- That the archdiocese will, henceforth, pay the Ecumenical Patriarchate an annual \$60,000 (An increase of \$20,000 - ED.)
- That a minimum of \$52 a year (\$1 per week) be established for each and every member.



1 Greek Communities; an additional \$10 annually, per member, be also mandatory - this money to be each member's contribution to the archdiocese budget of nearly \$1,000,000.

that the Greek Orthodox Church will cooperate with 'all Christian Churches as long as they are imbued with sincere and idealistic motives' for the Church 'does not fear honest and constructive relationships with other Churches'.

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HELLENIC UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION LAUNCHED AT CLERGY-LAITY CONGRESS.

Press of the \$5,000,000 fund drive for the Hellenic University of America, Brookline, Mass., depends on a 'militant clergy and a tireless laity', delegates were told at the 15th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress of the Greek Archdiocese of the Americas, meeting in Buffalo, N.Y. month.

C. Pappas of Boston, executive vice-president of the Hellenic University Foundation, said \$1,000,000 already had been pledged by the Greek community and 'our non-Greek friends'. He explained that the university would be an extension of the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Theological School in Brookline and that the university would probably hold its first classes in 1962. (The Theological School was established in 1937 thru the efforts of the Ecumenical Patriarch, Athenagoras, who, at that time, was archbishop of the Americas. -ED.)

university, it was explained, would eventually consist of a liberal arts college and two or three graduate departments dealing specifically in Hellenic and Byzantine thought and culture. To form and select a faculty, Dr. Harold Case, president of Boston University, has agreed to convene an advisory committee; in addition, his committee would formulate and establish a curriculum of high academic calibre.

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100 GREEK ORTHODOX YOUTH MEET IN DALLAS, TEXAS. More than 2,000 delegates to the Ninth International Conference of the Greek Orthodox Youth of America (GOYA) participated in a seven-day meeting in Dallas, Texas. The delegates were from five countries: U.S.A., Korea, Canada, Panama, and Mexico.

GOYA has a membership estimated at about 20,000; it sponsors cultural, educational, athletic, social, and religious activities among the youth of the Greek Orthodox Church.

Running from August 20th-27th, more than 2,000 delegates, plus friends, alternates, clergy, and visitors jammed the Statler-Hilton Hotel. Goyans were offered a \$24 package arrangement for the Conference period. The religious theme of the Conference was based on John 8:32 - 'and the truth will make you free'.

Presided over by Archbishop James (Iakovos), head of the Greek Archdiocese of the Americas, and addresses of the Conference were built around the religious themes mentioned above. Titles of some of the addresses were: 'Will Truth to Ourselves Set us Free' - 'Scientific Truth, Will It Set Us Free' - 'Kind of Truth Our Youth Should Aspire To' - 'Truth in General'. Numerous events, social-religious-athletic, were in constant motion throughout the entire week. The religious activities were hosted by the local Orthodox church of Holy Trinity, whose 106 members also aided in preparing the entire Conference Week.

In his presence, the archbishop's message stressed the idea 'If you would remain free, you have the choice, under present circumstances, but to become servants of God'.

Fr. Peter Kosturos, of Holy Trinity Orthodox Church - San Francisco, Calif. -, highlighted the thought that the troubles seen in American home life can be placed on the doorstep of the fathers, who are victims of easy living, and of the fathers, who prefer business to family. 'Convenience' is the watchword, and the 'meaning of sacrifice' has been lost to the fathers.

On more practical matters, the Conference announced that the Holy Cross Chapel Fund had risen to a grand total of \$106,000, a check for which was ordered paid to the appropriate

# RELIGIOUS REMARKABLES - - - By Scheel

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**ROBERT TUCKER**  
FLEW 75,000 MILES  
TO GO TO COLLEGE  
IN THE TWO YEARS  
HE COMMUTED BETWEEN  
HOT SPRINGS, ARK., AND  
SOUTHWESTERN  
BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL  
SEMINARY,  
FORT WORTH, TEX.



**TO ENCOURAGE BIBLE READING,**  
27 YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE  
DONALD SMITH MEMORIAL  
BAPTIST CHURCH IN CHICAGO  
READ ALOUD FROM THE  
PULPIT  
IN HALF-HOUR SHIFTS  
FOR MORE THAN 72 HOURS



**ISRAELI** FISHING FLEETS  
TODAY WORK THE WATERS  
OF THE SEA OF GALILEE WHERE  
JESUS TOLD HIS DISCIPLES  
TO CAST THEIR NETS.

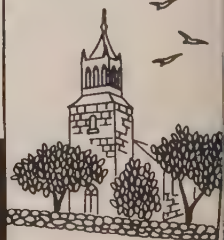


**THE STATUE OF**  
JOHN WELLS,  
EDITOR WITH ALEXANDER HAMILTON  
OF THE "FEDERALIST,"  
IN ST. PAUL'S CHAPEL, N.Y.,  
IS SAID TO BE THE EARLIEST  
PORTRAIT BUST IN STONE  
DONE IN AMERICA.



**AMONG BOOKS**  
MOST COMMONLY STOLEN  
FROM PUBLIC LIBRARIES  
ARE VOLUMES ON  
DIETING AND BIBLES.

**ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,**  
LOCKPORT, MANITOBA,  
BUILT IN 1849,  
IS THE OLDEST  
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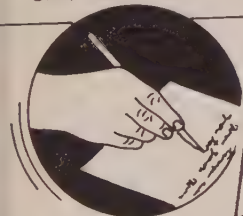




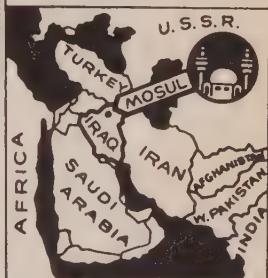
**REV. HENRY DUNCAN,**  
PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER,  
FOUNDED THE FIRST  
MUTUAL SAVINGS BANK  
IN RUTHWELL, SCOTLAND  
IN 1810.



**THOMAS STAUGHTON SAVAGE,**  
(1804-1880),  
**CLERGYMAN AND  
NATURALIST,**  
WAS THE FIRST MISSIONARY  
SENT TO AFRICA BY THE  
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL  
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AN ANIMAL PREVIOUSLY  
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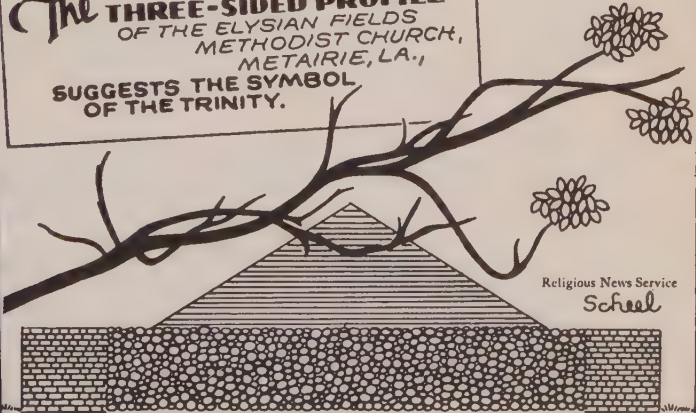
**JONAH IS BURIED,**  
ALONG WITH A TOOTH  
OF THE WHALE  
THAT SWALLOWED HIM,  
IN A MOSQUE  
IN MOSUL, IRAQ,  
ACCORDING TO  
MOSLEM LEGEND.



**The NAME  
OF  
LICHFIELD,  
ENGLAND  
MEANS  
"CITY OF THE DEAD."**  
A THOUSAND  
CHRISTIANS  
REPORTEDLY WERE  
MARTYRED THERE  
IN PERSECUTIONS  
ABOUT THE YEAR  
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**The THREE-SIDED PROFILE  
OF THE ELYSIAN FIELDS  
METHODIST CHURCH,  
METAIRIE, LA.,  
SUGGESTS THE SYMBOL  
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authorities at the forthcoming Clergy-Laity Congress. In addition, the delegates chose New York City as the site of the 10th International Conference for 1961. The Statler Hotel, in New York City, to be the scene of the gathering from Aug.25th to Sept.1st. National Chairman Manu Scarmoutsos of Memphis, Tenn. was installed as the new GOYA head for the ensuing year, along with a new slate of officers.

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**CATHOLICS URGED TO CORRECT 'MISCONCEPTIONS' ABOUT ORTHODOX.** Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, urged Roman Catholics to correct 'misconceptions' separating them from members of the Orthodox Church.

Speaking at a World Sodality Day observance at Boston College, there were close to 20,000 persons who heard the words of the Cardinal: 'While we talk so much about others understanding our religious convictions, we sometimes manifest an utter ignorance about the Eastern Churches. Perhaps more than any other single factor, this ignorance might be the major obstacle to ending the schism.....The Orthodox Church can scarcely think in terms of reunion where the atmosphere is such that they do not feel truly welcome. We should make every effort to correct this misconception which tends to strain our relations .....substituting kindness rooted in love.' The reunification of Christians, the Cardinal told the throng, 'will come thru kindness and charity....not thru argument over dogma'.

- In Vatican City, last month, Amleto Giovanni Cardinal Cicognani declared that just because that Pope John XXIII invited the Eastern Orthodox Churches to attend the Second Vatican Council did not mean they could take 'an active part in the meeting'. He inferred that papal supremacy still must be maintained: 'The invitations mean, rather, that they(the Eastern Orthodox) should take advantage of an atmosphere of understanding and should embark on a cautious exchange of views in order to seek the road that leads to the heart of unity, that is to say, the See of Peter'.

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**KENNEDY REFUSES TO DENY DOCTRINE OF MENTAL RESERVATION.** At the recent Houston Ministerial Association 'Kennedy Questionnaire TV Program', Rev.V.E.H. of the Church of Christ, asked Senator Kennedy whether he accepted or rejected the Doctrine of Mental Reservation. The Senator evaded the question by saying he didn't know if any such doctrine existed.

The Doctrine of Mental Reservation is defined in Vol.X, 696, of the Catholic Encyclopedia as 'a false statement knowingly made to one who has not a right to know the truth will not be a lie'. In addition:- 'We are also under obligation to keep secrets faithfully, and sometimes the easiest way of fulfilling that duty is to say what is false, or tell a lie.'(X,195) And again: 'When mental reservation is permissible, it is lawful to corroborate one's utterances by oath, if there be an adequate cause'.(X,696)

- Senator Kennedy had stated also that if his church could bring pressure on him, which would be in conflict with his American duties as president, he would resign as president. Rev.Howard pointed out that this meant his church meant more to Sen.Kennedy than his country, and that, therefore, his true allegiance was to the Roman Church, not the U.S.
- In Puerto Rico, election year finds Church-State tension decidedly increased; this is due to the recent formation of a Catholic Christian Party(CAP) under the wing of Bishop Davis and Bishop J.McManus (of San Juan and Ponce, respectively). The avowed purpose of CAP is to defend 'Christian principles ignored by our laws'. Opposition cries of 'vote against the rosary' and 'down with the clergy' are resounding thruout the island.
- A statement just issued in Rome by the Italian Roman Catholic bishops calls on all Catholics to vote in November 'in conformity with the Catholic religion and the decrees of the Church'. A similar statement, released some months back, reminded Catholic voters that they are bound by their loyalty 'to Christ, His Church, and their conscientious obligations'.



**PTIAN IMAM TO SERVE IOWA MOSLEM MOSQUE.** Imam Othman Abdul-Salam is presently serving the Moslem Mosque in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, as spiritual leader. He is married and has a one-year old daughter, Fatima.

One of four imams that have arrived recently in the U.S. to serve mosques. Requests for imams have been standing thruout the Federation of Islamic Associations of both Canada and the U.S. An 'imam' bears a somewhat similar relationship to the Moslem group that a pastor has in a Protestant group, or that a priest has to Orthodox or Roman churches.

Imam Abdul-Salam studied for four years at Al Azhar University in Cairo; Al Azhar is the oldest Islamic university in the world. Later, the imam studied at the University of Cairo; during this, he was a teacher for five years at Al Azhar. His following in Cedar Rapids is limited to about two dozen families of Syrian ancestry.

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**'RUGGED CROSS' IS AMERICA'S FAVORITE HYMN.** 'The Old Rugged Cross' is America's most-loved hymn, according to a poll taken by the Christian Herald.

Over 30,000 votes in the poll. Second place went to 'What A Friend We Have in Jesus'. Five of the top ten were: 'In the Garden', 'How Great Thou Art', 'Sweet Hour of Prayer', 'Come With Me', 'Rock of Ages', 'Nearer, My God, To Thee', 'Amazing Grace', 'Jesus, Lover of My Soul'.

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**PHARMACIST COMPOUNDS BIBLE'S PRESCRIPTIONS.** Dr. William Strickland, staff member of the University of Arkansas School of Pharmacy, compounds some of the Bible's prescriptions with interesting results.

Dr. Strickland has combined parts of his research into a lecture, which he gives at churches. As part of the lecture, he pours out small quantities of some of the substances, and allows the audience to pass by and sniff such things as frankincense and myrrh. Thru this means, he feels he is helping people to experience the same fragrances as pleased the nostrils of King David, Moses and Jesus of Nazareth.

Genesis there is an account of God giving Moses, what Dr. Strickland calls, 'the first prescription that we have any record of'. It is a holy ointment that includes myrrh, cinnamon, calamus, cassia. These ingredients were combined with olive oil to make, in Biblical language, 'anointing oil'.

Second prescription given in the Bible is holy incense; it contains stacte, onycha, galbanum, and frankincense. This incense, the doctor explained, was burned morning and evening on the golden altar, where it acted in three ways: as a deodorant, a fumigant, and as a religious medium of expression.

Paul Ilton, lecturer and writer on Old Testament days, is versed in the lore of the foods of the ancient Biblical days. While his vocation is that of a writer (he wrote screen film stories of 'Secret of Mary Magdalene' and 'Last Days of Sodom and Gomorrah'), he has a background in the lore of eating, a la scriptorium. For instance, he tells that the first recorded meal of mankind's history is given in the Bible, in the time of Abraham. At that meal, butter-milk-veal-wheat cake (made of fine flour, wine, and honey) were served. The first bread recipe is also said to be in the Bible; when three angels visited Abraham, he told Sarah: 'Make ready quickly, three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes on the hearth'. Other foods, on the menu of the ancient Hebrews, included: 'We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers and melons, and leeks, and onions and garlic.... Therefore have ye made us come up out of Egypt, to bring us in unto this evil place? It is no place of seed or of figs, or of vines, or of pomegranates; neither is there any water to drink.'

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**PROTESTANT, CATHOLIC, JEWISH TEAM UNDERTAKES 'COMMON' BIBLE TRANSLATION.** A new, joint translation of the Scriptures has been begun by a team of Protestant, Catholic and Jewish translators.

The new translation will be published in 30 paperback volumes by Doubleday & Co.Inc. in its Anchor Book series. The volumes are scheduled to be released at intervals between January 1962 and 1966.

Heading the translation team is Dr.William F.Albright, Methodist and professor of Semitic Languages at Johns Hopkins University. His associates will be Jesuit Father Mitchell J.Dahood, Dr.Moshe Greenberg and E.A.Speiser of the University of Pennsylvania, and Prof.B.Reicke of Basel University, Switzerland.

- The only question is: 'By what authority do they, individually or as a group, speak for the three religious bodies represented?' In addition, prejudice and bigotry is again shown by excluding the Eastern Orthodox, from whose tradition came the very Scriptures of the Old Testament that make up part of the work under study. - ED.
- Distribution of Scriptures, thru the many sources available, always presents an interesting sidelight. During the past 12 months, for instance, the Gideons International placed some 2,773,462 Bibles and New Testaments in 54 different nations, free-of-charge. Gideons is a non-profit agency, founded by Christian businessmen, that has a membership of about 12,000; it was founded in 1908, and, since then, has placed more than 44 millions of Bibles and Testaments. President of the Gideons,Mr.H.S.Amerding, said: 'We can't condone stealing, but we're secretly rather pleased when someone takes one home, because he's since been interested in reading more'.

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**CHURCH FIRE LOSSES RISE.** Church losses, from major fires, took a sharp rise in the U.S. and Canada during the past year. Ten,large-loss fires of church property came to more than three millions of dollars alone.

Six of these major fires took place in the U.S. - the largest of these being the St.Mary's Catholic church in Westphalia,Mich.; of the four Canadian fires, of magnitude, that of St.Anne's Catholic church in Mattawa,Ont., was the biggest.

A grand, estimated total of all church fires was set at about \$15,000,000 annually. This is about 1½% of all fire losses, for all types of property, that occurs annually. The National Fire Protection Ass'n. recommends 'proper design of buildings and use of protection equipment such as automatic sprinklers and alarm systems, to lower these losses.'

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**OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL WINNER IS ORDAINED BAPTIST MINISTER.** A southern Baptist preacher, 23 years-old, was one of three Oklahomans to win a gold medal in freestyle wrestling competition in the Olympic Games at Rome.

The Rev.Shelby Wilson won the world lightweight championship when he defeated Mystafar Tajiki of Iran. Previously, he had also defeated world lightweight champion from Russia, Vladimir Sinyavskiy.

Ordained to the ministry in 1957, Rev.Wilson had served as pastor of Ponca Indian Church in Ponca City,Okla., as a student missionary of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. He is presently completing his degree work at OSU, while coaching wrestling in high school.

- Of interest, in passing, it might be noted that Crown Prince Constantine of Greece also won a gold medal; his was for victory in the Dragon Class Yachting competition. The 17-year-old Eastern Orthodox Prince was greeted at the quayside by his mother, Queen Frederika, who embraced him and then, playfully, propelled him into the water for a victor's 'dunking'.

*AMERICAN REVIEW OF EASTERN ORTHODOXY*



**NEW U.S. POSTAGE STAMPS ISSUED; EACH CARRIES RELIGIOUS MOTIF.** Four commemorative postage stamps have been issued by the U.S. Postal Service in recent months; each of the stamps has a particular religious remembrance in mind.

In June, a stamp, depicting a mother reading to her child from a Bible, was issued. It was designed by a Roman Catholic and it is the fourth time in history that a Bible has appeared on a postage stamp. Later in the same month, another stamp was issued in commemoration of the Star Spangled Banner. The Star Spangled Banner was born; Sept. 14, 1814, Francis Scott Key wrote the Star Spangled Banner as he watched the British bombard Ft. McHenry - the rarely-sung fourth stanza of the poem has the words: 'And this be our motto, in God we trust'.

In July, historic St. John's Episcopal church in Richmond, Va. was the scene of the ceremony that marked the first day sale of the new stamp that was issued to commemorate Patrick Henry's famous words: 'Give me liberty or give me death'; it was at this very church that the Virginia Convention met on March 23, 1775, when Patrick Henry delivered his fiery speech. A complete paragraph of that speech reads as follows: 'Is life so dear and peace so sweet to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God. I know not what course others may take, but as for myself, give me liberty or give me death'.

In August, the last of the four stamps will be placed on sale. This stamp is in commemoration of the great liberator and spiritual leader of India - Mahatma Gandhi. In two phases, the stamp will have a 4¢ issue and an 8¢ issue. He will be depicted thereon as the 'Champion of Liberty'.

A vacationer at Petersburg, Va., approached the local post office and, stopping at the stamp window, asked: 'May I have a stamp, please?'

Replied the clerk: 'What denomination?'

'Methodist', responded the patron.

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**ANNUAL CONVENTION OF FROC HELD IN CLEVELAND.** Approximately 100 delegates and alternates, representing 12 districts of the Federated Russian Orthodox Church, met for a 3-day session in Cleveland, O., for the 34th Annual Convention, Sept. 2-5th.

One of the major points of interest acted upon, in resolution form, by the Convention was concerning historic Mt. Athos. In a letter to the Greek Government, the Convention told the Greek Government of a unanimous action in protesting the conversion of the historic peninsula into a 'tourist attraction', with easy access thereto by non-Orthodox and atheists; the occurrence of many 'wildfires' at some of the monasteries; the depletion of the waters surrounding the peninsula of the fish population, due to commercial dynamiting - thus depriving the monks of the main sources of their food. Rev. Borichevsky, spiritual advisor of FROC, said he felt the Greek Government was deliberately endeavoring to 'strangle' the non-Greek monasteries, by depriving them of the opportunity of acquiring new 'novices' - the purpose being to cause the eventual abandonment of the non-Greek monasteries so that, thereby, the government can seize them as 'museums' to attract tourist revenue.

Other important items were on the agenda, some of which are here given:

Publications were authorized in the form of a pamphlet by Fr. Florovsky, a Publicity Manual, and a reprint of the Ferial Menaion (12 Major Feast Days). It was reported that the Hymn Book in English would be out in the Spring of '61.

Scholarship awards were announced to 11 winners in the amount of \$3100; a grant of \$3900 was authorized for the same purpose in the 1961-62 Academic Year.

A United Fund Drive was set at \$20,000; beneficiaries were designated as St. Vladimir Seminary, St. Tikhon Seminary, St. Sergius Seminary, Wm. Fekula Scholarship Fund, Journal Promotional, Sunday School, Brotherhood of St. John, General Education, Alaska Orthodox Project, and War Memorial Shrine. Since the inception of these drives in 1953, it was reported over \$100,000 has been raised.

**EASTERN 'RITE' SEMINARY DEDICATED BY CARDINAL CUSHING LAST MONTH.** Richard Cardinal Cushing officiated at the dedication of St.Basil's Eastern Rite Seminary last month, Sept.18th, in Methuen,Mass.

The seminary is the first major house of studies in the U.S. for the Roman Catholic Eastern Rite bodies of the non-Slavonic group. The seminary is located on a hillside estate once owned by the late Edward F.Searle. The building includes a chapel, 26 dormitory rooms, an auditorium, and several miscellaneous rooms. The cardinal had given a half million dollars towards the construction costs. (Total cost was about \$600,000 - ED.)

The Basilian Salvatorian Order has operated a make-shift seminary on the property since 1954. At present, the seminary has eleven students and its first alumnus was ordained this year as a priest of the Maronite Rite. The Order was 'founded' in the 4th century; the mother house is St.Savior's Monastery in Saida, Lebanon. ('founded' is a misleading term, when used here by the Salvatorians; in the 4th century, there was only one Church, namely - the One Catholic Apostolic Eastern Orthodox Church, in that area. As to the 'alleged founder' of the Order, St.Basil is one of the three Orthodox 'Doctors' and he never founded an 'Order'; he established a spiritual 'way', which is the basis of all Eastern Orthodox monasticism. - ED.)

- A new St.Basil's College-Seminary is also in process under the auspices of the Ukrainian Catholic(Roman) body. Its location is at Stamford,Conn., and cost of construction is about \$2,000,000. It has been stated that it is essential as a part of the forced expansion, due to increased vocations and lack of facilities to handle students for the priesthood. The new building is the stated dream of Bishop Ambrose Senyshyn, Eparch of the Stamford Diocese.
- The competitive threat of the American growth of Orthodoxy is forcing Rome to expand her efforts to establish a counter-body in this country, which, they hope, will be able to cope with this rising problem of coming face-to-face with the Mother of Christianity.

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**HOLY CROSS GREEK ORTHODOX THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL NEEDS \$500,000.** Archbishop Iakovos called on all members of the Greek Orthodox Communities in the Western Hemisphere to aid in raising the sum of \$500,000, which is needed to retire the mortgage on the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Theological School, Brookline,Mass.

The archbishop stated that the 'Sacred Brotherhood of the Theological School' had contributed \$35,000 last year to the School, and that the Archdiocese, itself, had given \$96,000 last year, with \$120,000 promised for the year ahead. He pointed out that the School had just acquired an additional 23 acres at \$177,500 and had a large building program also. He called on the 'Brotherhood' to redouble its efforts to this end. (Membership in the 'Brotherhood' is as follows: Brother or Sister, \$5 to \$24; Donors, \$25 to \$99; Benefactors, \$100 to \$499; Great Donors, \$500 to \$999; Great Benefactors, \$1000 to \$4999; Patron, \$5000 and up. - ED.)

- Rev.Constantine Bebis, St.George's Church - New Bedford,Mass., has just been elected new president of the Holy Cross Alumni Ass'n.; he succeeds Father Limberakis of Providence,R.I. Father Bebis graduated from the School in 1951 and served his first pastorate in Danbury,Conn. He went to St.George's in Oct.,1953; In June, 1956 he was given his degree in theology and in June, 1958, his BD from the same School. Currently, he is attending Harvard Divinity School. He has also served as president of the New England Greek Orthodox Priests Ass'n. The Theological School Ass'n of Alumni has a roster of former alumni covering the 24 year history of the institution. - ED.

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**14th ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ACYOA HELD IN NEW YORK CITY.** The Armenian Church Youth Organization of America held its 14th Annual General Assembly in New York City over the Labor Day weekend. The Assembly met at the Statler-Hilton Hotel.

With the theme 'To follow Christ's example', the Assembly was called to order and an opening prayer was said by Rev. Fr. John Chavchavian.



tion was delivered by His Grace, Archbishop Sion Manoogian, President of the ACYOA. Official business of the Assembly was under the direct supervision of some 18 participating 7, 3 deacons, 40 senior delegates, and the 7 Central Council members.

es the business affairs of the Assembly, a great number of social and devotional services provided for the delegates, especially by the hosting church of Holy Martyrs, Bayside, L.I., In addition, a recorded message from His Holiness, Vazken I, Supreme Patriarch and Hicofs of All Armenians, was heard by all.

I the most interesting developments of the sessions was the formal resolution directing Central Council of ACYOA to make application for membership in the UCYM(United Christ-outh Movement) of the National Council of Churches and to send representatives to the al Assembly of that body, meeting at Lake Geneva, Wis.

ond, Va., was selected as the site for the 15th General Assembly in 1961. The theme of assembly to be 'Christ the Way, Christ the Goal'. The new ACYOA Central Council pres- was Ralph Yaghjian.

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' POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH RALLY HELD. On Sunday, Aug.28,'60, m., with a fanfare of colorful ceremonies and crowds of visitors thronging All Saints a, Carnegie, Pa., the First Polish National Catholic Youth Rally was held.

ored by the Polish Bard-United Choirs and presided over by Bishop Thaddeus Zielinski, Buffalo-Pittsburgh Diocese, the gathering witnessed the first presentation of future h Mass songs by the Polish Bard-United Choirs of Pittsburgh. The 44 singers gave the h versions, in song, of such great hymns as: 'All Praise to God', 'Sanctus'(from the St.Cecilia's Mass), 'Benedictus', 'Lamb of God', Hallelujah, Amen'. The choir also ated the 'Nicene Creed', for the first time, in English song.

Zielinski then delivered an address, relating the growth and development of the Polish al Catholic Church since its advent in 1897. He told how the late Prime Bishop, Francis , had given the clarion call of warning against Roman Catholicism, saying: 'Christ's on was not being taught - the Polish people were being treated by the Roman Catholic y worse than animals'.

urpose and intent of the Polish National Catholic Church was then narrated by a member Polish Bard. A series of other addresses were then delivered, dealing with such sub- s: 'Apostolic Succession of the Church', 'Faith in Our Church', 'Why We Honor the e Virgin Mary', 'Visions in Stone', 'Which Saints Do We Recognize in Our Church', 'Communion - Often - Why?'

with the advent of the use of English entering into the Mass of the Polish National Cath- ic Church, a great door has been opened for a flood of conversions from the Roman atholic Church into this national expression of Christ's Apostolic Church. Already the NCC has expanded and grown at a rate beyond every expectation; this new approach will aterially aid in bringing more Polish-Americans into the independent Polish Catholic urch. - ED.

ast May, some 250 singers and ecclesiastics of the western area of the PNCC met in uth Bend, Ind. to develop a new milestone in the annals of the Church.

1942, the United Choirs of the PNCC published a Hymnal. 5,000 copies were issued. ese having been sold out, a new edition is being released this December at \$3.00 per py. Write: United Choirs of PNCC, 529 East Locust St.,Scranton 5,Pa.

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ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION OF PRIME BISHOP GROCHOWSKI HELD. Fifty ago, a young man, called to service in the Polish National Catholic Church by the late Bishop Francis Hodur, was ordained to the priesthood. Since that day of Sept.10,1910,

Prime Bishop Leon Grochowski has devoted himself, heart and soul, to the good and well of his beloved Polish people, both in this country and abroad.

Elected to the office of bishop on August 17, 1924, he took charge of the Western Diocese; 30 years of labor there have brought forth the greatest results in expansion in any diocese 65 parishes and missions. He has also edited a weekly diocesan paper - 'Awakening' - for 25 years; his weekly Radio Hour every Sunday, from 1937 till 1955, was another of his personal achievements to aid in uniting the laity in stronger organizations for the propagation of the Church's faith. These organizations, to name a few: Mens United Societies, Ladies United Societies, Progress Council, School of Christian Living, were all a part of his work. Throughout the years he has also made 13 trips to Poland to aid in the work of the Church there. After the last war, he organized the 'Good Samaritans', who accounted for tons of clothing and 17,000 food packages, plus vast amounts of medication, that were sent to aid the suffering of Poland. After the death of Bishop Hodur, he was elected to the office of Prime Bishop, which he assumed on May 15th, 1955, in Scranton, Pa.

In recognition of the work of this man, October 16th was set aside by the PNCC as a day of commemoration of the life of Prime Bishop Leon Grochowski. Participating in a Pontifical Mass, in his honor, were Bishops Zielinski, Soltysiak, and Rowinski.

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**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP REACHES RECORD** 112,226,905. Membership in churches, synagogues of this country's 50 states increased by 2,669,164 - 2.4% - to reach a record of 112,226,905.

The U.S. has an estimated population of 178,000,000; the ratio of church membership is 63.4% of the population. Of the total, Roman Catholics numbered 40,871,302; Protestants 62,543,502; Eastern Orthodox 2,807,612; Jews 5,500,000; Buddhists 20,000; combined membership of Old Catholic-Polish National Catholic-Armenian Apostolic was 484,489.

In computing 'membership', Protestants usually count individuals who have attained the age of thirteen; Roman Catholics count all baptized persons, regardless of age; Eastern Orthodox often count membership by the number of adult males only.

Among the Protestants, the Baptist bodies recorded a total of 20,879,220; Methodist showed a total of 12,358,861; Lutheran 8,021,091; Presbyterian 4,202,956; Christian Church 3,809,000.

Place of worship numbered 314,345; total clergy were numbered at 373,589. Total cost of construction of religious buildings was \$358,358,112 for the year past.

- The U.S. has about 5,000 philanthropic foundations that annually distribute more than \$625,000,000 to education, health, social welfare, scientific research, humanities, international affairs, religion, and government. Of this total, religion is given less than about \$28 million. Of that given to religion, seminaries receive nearly half. The chief benefactor of the foundations is the field of education, which receives about 40% of the annual total. - ED.

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**NEW JERSEY GREEK ORTHODOX CLERGY HAVE ROTATING, RECIPROCAL VISITATION**  
The Greek Orthodox clergy of New Jersey conduct an annual missionary visitation series in which every Greek Church is visited at least once during the ecclesiastical year by members of the clergy, other than the actual pastor. In the visitation, the 'exchange clergy' participate in a vespers service, which is then followed by a panel discussion.

Known as the Greek Orthodox Clergymen's Brotherhood of New Jersey, the clergy held their first discussion Sept. 29th at St. Demetrios Church, Perth Amboy. Future discussions will be held, in succession, at each of the other eleven Greek Communities in New Jersey. The next announced meeting to be next May 25th at St. George's in Trenton.

Some of the subjects being discussed are: 'Our Greek and Christian Culture'; 'Hellenic Culture in America'; 'The American Review of Eastern Orthodoxy'.



n to Christianity'; 'Influence of Orthodoxy on Society'; 'Orthodox Missionary Activity Through the Ages'; 'Heresies vs Orthodoxy'; 'Scriptures and Orthodoxy'; 'Spiritual Life of the Believer'; 'Liturgy and Laity in Orthodoxy'; 'Orthodox Teaching on the Holy Spirit'; 'Orthodox Worship'; 'The Future of Orthodoxy in America'; 'Unity of Eastern Orthodoxy'.

A fine example of cooperation, towards a worthy and scholarly purpose, is here shown; it could well be emulated by other church bodies throughout the country. - ED.

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ANNIVERSARY OF ST. GEORGE GREEK CHURCH IS CELEBRATED. St. George's Orthodox Church of New Bedford, Mass., held a week-long celebration, commemorating its 100th anniversary, this month. Opening with a Sunday night celebration, Oct. 2nd, the community held a 'Greek Night' festival; on the following Friday, the Anniversary Ball was the climax of the week, however, came on Sunday, Oct. 9th, with the appearance of Archbishop Iakovos for the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and the attendant anniversary banquet, following thereafter.

Completed fifty years ago this month, to accommodate an estimated 20 Greek Orthodox families; St. George's outgrew its small edifice and moved to two successive structures, over the years. The present building was occupied in 1936; it serves an estimated 1,000 communicants. Father Constantine S. Bebis is the pastor of the community.

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NEW ORTHODOX PRIEST APPOINTED CHAPLAIN OF AMVETS OF MASSACHUSETTS. This month, Father Charles L. Mihos, priest of St. George Greek Church - Lynn, Mass., was appointed as Department Chaplain for the AMVETS of Massachusetts.

During the appointment was State Commander, Charles Cronis. As Commander Cronis said: 'I am sure that your knowledge you are the first priest of the Orthodox Faith to be so honored. I am sure that your appointment and your efforts will contribute much to the establishment and recognition of the AMVETS, on a national scale, of the four national Faiths, rather than the three which they previously recognize'.

Father Mihos is married (Wife: Penelope De Coulos Mihos, teacher) and has two children, Stephanie and John.

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CHURCHES DEVELOP 'ORIENTAL TEMPLE DESIGN' TO COMPETE IN ASIA. Architectural designs, of Baptist churches in the Orient, have taken on the appearance of an 'Oriental temple'. Ralph M. Buffington, Houston architect, has designed about 10 churches for the Baptist Church in Hawaii, Formosa, and Bangkok.

Baptists have found that they must add the appearance of an Oriental temple to the designs for churches, if they expect full results in their mission efforts in the Orient. The Bangkok Baptist Church, Immanuel Baptist, for instance, is slated to have shimmering gold walls and a sanctuary that combines Baptist needs with Oriental splendor, exemplified by the jewel encrusted Oriental temples.

Modern technology is providing anodized sheets of expanded aluminum grille, with hand-applied gold leaf. A shipment of the grille has just arrived in Bangkok and is being applied to the new church.

The Baptists are merely finding out what Roman Catholicism found out centuries ago, when they adopted the carrying litter of the Popes, the rosary, etc. from Asiatic lands. Before that, even, Rome adopted the use of pagan statuary to lure the image-worshippers to Christianity. The trouble is, with these things, that the spirit of Christianity is often destroyed or, at least, subdued by these adoptions. - ED.

11th ANNUAL AROY CONVENTION HELD AT YOUNGSTOWN, O. The 11th Annual Convention of AROY (American-Romanian Orthodox Youth) was held in Youngstown, Ohio, the last weekend of August. Holy Trinity Romanian Orthodox Church was host to the delegates.

Convening on Thursday evening, August 25th, the registration and reception of delegates was accomplished. The three succeeding days were devoted to social, religious, and business affairs of the organization. (\* One delegate, per each 10 members, of each chapter).

Major decisions, acted upon by the Convention, were:

- An annual operating budget of \$10,350 was approved; this is the highest in the history of the organization. (The convention grossed over \$9,000, of which the net profit is more than \$1,350).
- Authorization was given for the production of a film, to be entitled 'This is AROY'. Its purpose will be for publicity and expansion of membership.
- Publication of a book, on Romanian religious-cultural-historical and architectural accomplishments and traditions, shall be underwritten by AROY.
- Unanimous endorsement of the actions of Bishop Valerian and the 1960 Episcopate Convention regarding establishment of relations with the Russian Orthodox Church. A telegram was ordered to be sent to Metropolitan Leonty (Russian) to that effect. It read, in part, 'The undersigned announce to Your Eminence the...absolute, unanimous approval...regarding canonical ties between our two Church bodies.'

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16th NATIONAL ACRY CONVENTION HELD IN SCRANTON, PA. Over 300 delegates and guests participated in the 16th National ACRY (American Carpatho-Russian Youth) Convention which was held at Hotel Jermyn, Scranton, Pa. over the Labor Day weekend.

Fr. John Dolhy and his parish, St. Nicholas Church, were responsible for arrangements. Altogether, some 29 youth chapters participated in the convention. As is customary in such gatherings, religious-social and business matters were well distributed over the agenda of events. Among the highlights of the sessions were:

- The Pontifical Divine Liturgy, celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Orestes Chornock at the new, remodeled St. Nicholas Church of Scranton.
- Defeat of a proposal to delete the phrase 'Carpatho-Russian' from the name of the organization.
- Setting aside of a total of \$1500 in contributions, to be given to: Diocesan Seminary - \$500; Diocesan Cathedral - \$500; Diocesan Bishop's Residence Building Fund - \$500.
- It might be mentioned that the Seminary of Christ the Saviour, Johnstown, Pa. recently was given approval, by the State Council of Education of Pa., to bestow the Bachelor of Theology Degree. To obtain this approval, the Seminary had revised its entire curriculum to meet State requirements; its program of studies had been increased from four to five years - its library enlarged - standards raised - faculty increased. The Seminary is now the only Orthodox Seminary in the U.S. that grants a Bachelor of Theology Degree. The Greek Holy Cross Theological School grants a Bachelor of Arts in Theology on the same basis.

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LOOK MAGAZINE FEATURES EASTERN ORTHODOXY IN DECEMBER 6th ISSUE. Look Magazine, which has run a series of 13 articles on various religious faiths in America, is featuring Eastern Orthodoxy in its 14th, and last, such article. It is scheduled for the December 6th issue, which will appear on the newsstands on Nov. 22nd.

Hertzell Spence, author of the series, has prepared a 6½ page story, with one 4-color illustration and a series of two sets of black and white illustrations that depict Epiphany at the Jordan Springs, in one, and the Russian blessing of Pascha foods, in the other.

- Late in December, AREO, 43 W. 90th St., N.Y. 24, N.Y. will have reprints of this article for 15¢ per copy, for any interested churches-individuals-or groups that desire them for permanent use. Order your copies now.

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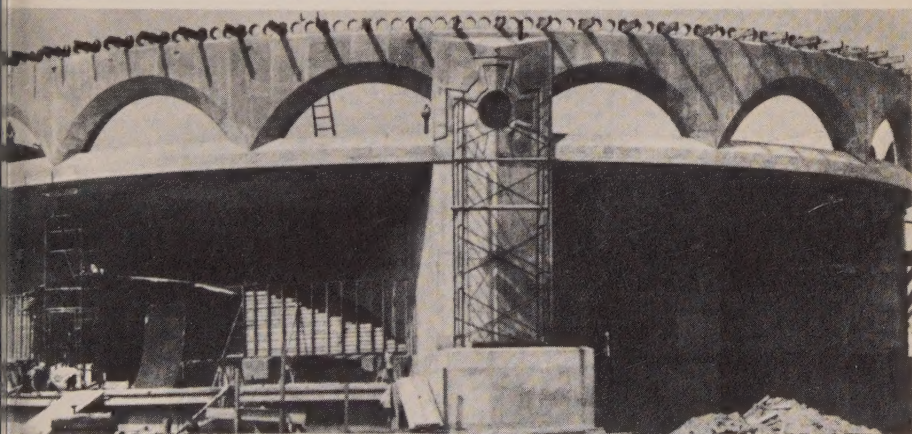


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month, the Turkish government endeavored to 'pressure' Patriarch Athenagoras into stating he was partially to blame for the anti-Greek riots, that took place in Turkey, in September, 1955; at that time, some 78 Orthodox churches were damaged or destroyed to the value of \$100,000,000; of this total, 52 churches alone were destroyed or damaged in Istanbul and its suburbs. The present government is endeavoring to blame the deposed Menderes regime for the affair and is also trying to link the Patriarchate with the rioting, by showing that the Patriarch did nothing to openly condemn Premier Menderes. The Patriarch's response, of course, was that, if he had raised his voice, he would have caused more severe rioting through the Turkish rioters to greater violence.

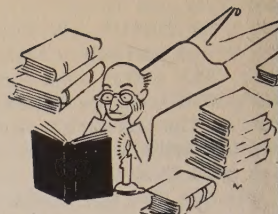
To understand the position of the Patriarchate in Turkey, one has to glance back at history. The Phanar (Patriarchate sector) is on the left bank of the Golden Horn. At one time, the present site of the Patriarchate was occupied by a convent; this was converted into a Cathedral in 1614 to take the place of the great St. Sophia, which had been turned into a Mosque by the Moslems when they conquered Constantinople in 1453. This ancient Patriarchate was burned and destroyed in 1701 by Moslem rioters. It was restored, in stages, by various of the Patriarchs; and its history was marked throughout by blood, martyrdoms, and great sufferings at Moslem brutality. As an example, Patriarch Gregory V, who, at the time of the Greek Revolution, was seized in the Patriarchal Church of St. George during Easter Liturgy; held there, he was strangled with a rope and hung in front of the gate of the Patriarchal Church. (Note: This gate is today called the 'closed door', because of this act. - ED) This took place on April 22, 1821.

The riots of 1955 were merely another in a series of similar Moslem brutality against the Greek population in Turkey. The attempt of the new regime of Gursel to place the blame for those riots on Menderes and Athenagoras is merely an effort to make it appear as if the Turks are kind and hospitable peoples; 'much given to modern amenities, mercy and justice, as it were.' The reason the present government desires this blame to be shifted to the 'apegoats' is due to the fact that world opinion tends to highlight such acts of barbarism coming from backward nations. This stigma is repulsive to the Turks, naturally. The question is now: 'Will the Moslem population ever repeat such barbaric acts in the future, or will a true, character change take place in the personality of the nation?' (Only time will tell. - ED).



LLOYD WRIGHT'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH 60% FINISHED. One of the last designs by the late Frank Lloyd Wright is two-thirds completed, with consecration in June, 1961. Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, Milwaukee, Wis., will eventually seat 500 persons, in a semi-circle, facing the iconostas. The round structure, made principally of concrete, will have a saucer-shaped main floor with three circular staircases leading to a second-level balcony. The structure will be topped by a blue dome, 106 feet in diameter. One acre of ground is being used solely for the building itself, although some 20 acres of landscaped area will surround it. Fountain, pools, gardens and terraces will accent this building. Doors to the church will face the sunken gardens.

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